

**Attendance:** Nate Broman-Fulks, Nancy Coston, Alison De Marco, Caitlin Fenhagen, Kathleen Ferguson, Sarah Furman, Sherrill Hampton, Chinita Howard, Jackie Jenks, Katie Loovis, Aly Peeler, Harrison Pierce, Corey Root, Diiv Sternman, Charlotte Stewart, Eric Wolak

#### **Sharing/Agency updates**

 UNC Hospitals is hosting a conference on October 12 – 2018 Dimensions of Diversity Conference, Inequities in Healthcare: Breaking Down Barriers; More info and registration

#### **OCPEH Updates**

- Events
  - IFC Good Neighbor Plan Meetings
    - United Church of Chapel Hill, located at 1321 M.L.K. Jr. Boulevard
    - Thursday, August 30, 7-8:30 pm -- Low Barrier, Housing-Focused Shelter:
      What it Means and How It Has Worked in Other Communities
    - Thursday, September 13, 7-8:30 p.m. or Monday, September 24, 6-7:30 p.m. Homelessness in Orange County: The Data and Our Community's Response
  - o Homelessness 101 sessions
    - Thurs. 8/30, noon-1:30pm, Chapel Hill Public Library
    - Wed. 9/26, 5:30-7pm, Carrboro Town Hall
  - Self-Care First Fridays
    - September 7, 2018, 9-10:30am; Southern Human Services Center, 2501
      Homestead Rd., Chapel Hill
    - All human service providers in Orange County are invited to participate; upcoming sessions will be in the mornings on September 7, and October 5; no advance registration

#### **2018 CoC Project Priority Listing**

Per <u>OCPEH Governance Charter</u> & <u>24 CFR 578.95(b)</u>, Leadership Team members cannot participate in or influence discussions or resulting decisions concerning funding. Executive Director for the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC), Jackie Jenks, formally recused herself from this conversation as IFC is applying for CoC project funding.

Orange County has \$774,281 available in funding from HUD for the 2018 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant competition - \$664,478 in renewal project funding, \$50,000 for DV bonus, \$39,869 in bonus funding, and \$19,934 for CoC planning activities. This year three agencies applied for seven projects: four renewal projects, three new projects; five Permanent Supportive Housing projects, one Rapid Re-Housing project, and one Coordinated Entry project.



The Project Review Committee scored and ranked all submitted project applications:

Applicant	Project	Type	Status	Proposed Funding Source
Community Link	Community Link-Orange PSH 0227-2018	PSH	Renewal	Renewal funds (ARD)
Compass Center	RRH for DV Survivors and the Families	RRH	New	DV Bonus
IFC	UNC XDS Leasing Project 1	PSH	Renewal	Renewal funds (ARD)
IFC	Orange County Housing Support Program	PSH	Renewal	Renewal funds (ARD)
IFC	IFC PSH Expan. Realloc.	PSH	Renewal	Renewal funds (ARD)
IFC	IFC PSH 2018 Bonus	PSH	New	Bonus
IFC	IFC Coordinated Entry	SSO	New	Reallocated funds

### Scoring parameters for 2018:

- The Project Review Committee used the <u>HUD Rating and Ranking Tool</u> for the first time this year
- The Coordinator did not score project applications
- The Project Review Committee found some overlaps between Threshold measures and Scored measures with cost per permanent housing exit, match, Housing First and/or low barrier implementation, and Coordinated Entry participation – all measures were kept
- The Project Review Committee made adjusted the scoring rubric to add 5 points for the three questions addressing how projects Serve High Need Clients
- The Project Review Committee awarded max points for the two income questions about leavers when the project had no leavers
- For some questions all projects scored max point. We will have better data next year but the Project Review Committee left these questions on the scorecard this year to communicate CoC priorities: 95% referrals from coordinated entry, 180 or fewer days between program start and move in, Project operating in accordance with CoC standards
- The Project Review Committee added a question to the scorecard from PSH Best Practices form: PSH caseload meets SAMHSA recommendation of 10-20 clients per case manager – 10 points
- Coordinated Entry project largely unrated

Per the HUD Rating & Ranking Tool, "CoCs will need to adopt policies to decide whether to rate projects that do not meet all HUD Threshold Requirements and all CoC Threshold Requirements." Of the submitted projects, four have unmet <a href="thresholds">thresholds</a> (three of four renewal/expansion projects; one of three new projects)



- Community Link, Orange PSH Renewal
  - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation
  - Applicant is active CoC participant
  - Data quality at or above 90%
- IFC, PSH 2018 Expan. Reallocation Renewal
  - Project has reasonable costs per permanent housing exit, as defined locally
  - Data quality at or above 90%
  - Bed/unit utilization at or above 90%
- IFC, Orange Co. Housing Support Renewal
  - Data quality at or above 90%
- Compass Center, RRH for DV Survivors and Their Families New
  - Applicant is active CoC participant

The Leadership Team decided to issue a waiver for Unmet Thresholds this year. The Coordinator will communicate a corrective action plan for each unmet threshold to the agencies. The Leadership Team would like the Coordinator to communicate these HUD threshold measures in Homelessness 101 presentations and in annual presentations to elected boards.

The Coordinator made a mistake previously in stating the amount of available funding for DV Bonus project, the actual amount available is \$50,000. The big picture of available funding is:

Renewal projects \$664,478
 DV Bonus \$50,000
 Bonus \$39,869

SUBTOTAL \$754,347 (this is the amount to rank in the Project Priority Listing)

• CoC planning \$19,934 (CoC Planning grants are not ranked)

• GRAND TOTAL \$774,281

In coming up with a ranked list of projects, there are two considerations: (1) the order of projects, ranked 1 through 7, and (2) project funding tiers. HUD requires CoCs to place projects in either Tier 1, which is more guaranteed to be funded, or Tier 2, which may or may not be funded depending on how Orange County scores on the community part of the CoC application. The funding amounts available in each tier for 2018 are:

Tier 1	More secure	\$624,609
Tier 2	More risky – may not be funded	\$39,869
Total		\$664,478

The DV Bonus project could be funded by DV Bonus funds, Tier 1, or Tier 2. HUD recommends for CoCs to rank DV Bonus projects where they fall in local competition based on local criteria.



Orange County received project applications for more funding than is available in the CoC competition:

Total ranked funding requested \$795,181
 Total ranked funding available \$754,347

The Project Review Committee crafted a proposed ranked list of projects for Leadership Team review. The Committee prioritized renewal projects for Tier 1 to ensure people in these Permanent Supportive Housing would maintain their housing and services. All three IFC renewals were recommended for full funding. The Community Link renewal project was recommended to be reduced \$23,000 (from \$354,717 requested to \$331,204 recommended) due to the unmet Thresholds above and to fit other projects into Tier 2 that address current system gaps, specifically Rapid Re-Housing and Coordinated Entry. The Project Review Committee recommended that Rapid Re-Housing projects be ranked above coordinated entry in Tier 2 because of its priority in the <a href="https://example.com/homeless-system-gaps-analysis">homeless-system-gaps-analysis</a>.

Organization Name	Project Name	CoC Funding Requested	CoC Amount Expended Last Operating Year	Reco	CoC Funding ommendation (manual entry)
Inter-Faith Council for So	UNC XDS Leasing Pro	\$ 40,192	\$ 54,952	\$	40,192
Inter-Faith Council for So	: IFC PSH 2018 Expan.	\$ 164,513	\$ 17,884	\$	164,513
Community Link	Community Link-Ora	\$ 354,717	\$ 322,201	\$	331,204
Inter-Faith Council for So	Orange Co. Housing:	\$ 88,700	\$ 26,076	\$	88,700
Compass Center	RRH for DV Survivors	\$ 66,448	\$ -	\$	50,000
Inter-Faith Council for So	FC 2018 Bonus	\$ 33,026	\$ -	\$	27,395
Inter-Faith Council for So	: IFC Coordinated Entr	\$ 52,343	\$ -	\$	52,343

Discussion: IFC project spending is low – about 50% of allocated funds spent as they were gearing up PSH projects in 2017 and working to consolidate their grants, now possible through the CoC competition. The Coordinator will communicate spending expectations and work with IFC staff on a plan to increase spending to the standard of 90+% for next year.

A motion was made to approve the recommendation [Coston, Sternman] all in favor, none opposed, Jenks abstains.

The Coordinator proposed a change in the way the Project Review Committee is structured for CoC and ESG grant reviews. Instead of having stand-alone time-limited groups, change to a standing committee that would review both CoC and ESG project applications, participate in the quarterly reviews of CoC and ESG project performance data, and give year-round attention to



project performance, priorities, and gaps. The previewed time commitment would be about 30 hours per year, 15 hours during the CoC application, 6 hours during the ESG competition and 8 hours during four quarterly meetings. Chinita Howard, Diiv Sternman, and Allison De Marco expressed interest in serving on this committee. The Coordinator will also ask Kathleen Ferguson, Damon Seils, and other community members who served on the 2018 CoC Project Review Committee.

#### 2018 CoC Planning Grant

The CoC Collaborative Applicant, Orange County, is eligible to apply for CoC Planning grant funds for system-level work to fulfill HUD's requirements for Continuums of Care. Here are Planning grant amounts and activities from the past few years:

<b>Grant Year</b>	Amount	Purpose
2014	\$6,750	OC Connect database  Resource database  Coordinated entry
2015	\$17,000	Training
2016	\$18,249	Project evaluation, Project monitoring, and HUD compliance activities
2017	\$19,161	Develop project evaluation and monitoring process, evaluate coordinated entry effectiveness
2018	\$19,934	Discuss today

The Coordinator proposed the 2018 Planning Grant funds be used for:

- Part-time coordinated entry staff person
- Compensation for people with lived experience of homelessness for system-level
- Training for Orange County service providers on HUD-recommended topics
  - Housing First
  - Low barrier shelter
  - Fair Housing
  - Decriminalization of homelessness

Discussion: Could the coordinated entry staff person also be someone with lived experience? Would it be possible to have a training on restorative justice – both for policies at the shelters and for neighbors? CEF is also interested in restorative justice.

A motion was made to prioritize CoC Planning funds for a part-time Coordinated Entry staff person and compensation for people with lived experience of homelessness for CoC work, and use anything left over for trainings. [Fenhagen, Furman] all in favor, none opposed.



Next Meeting: Wed. September 17, 2018

Meeting Location: Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, 104 S Estes Dr, Chapel Hill

Remaining 2018 Meetings: Sep. 17, Oct. 8, [no meeting Oct. 15], Nov. 19, Dec. 17